Western Region

14. Agricultural Research Station Karajat, Maharashtra (Monkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra).

II. Agencies involved in Large Scale Seed Production

1. Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
2. Hybrid Rice Research Network Centres, Public sector seed agencies (Born Centrar and State).
3. Private sector seed agencies.
4. State Universities of Agriculture, in the target areaes.
5. Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the target areas.
6. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in the target areas.
7. Farmers' Co-operatives.
8. Departments of Agriculture of the concerned States in the target areas.

III. Agencies involved in transfer of technology

1. Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
2. Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad.
3. Hybrid Rice Research Network Centres.
4. MANAGE, Hyderabad.
5. State Universities of Agriculture in the target areas.
6. Departments of Agriculture of the concerned States in the target areas.
7. Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the target areas.
8. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in the target areas.
9. Farmers' Training Centres in the target areas.

Deep Sea Fishing

1731. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign deep sea fishing companies are operating in Indian waters;

(b) if so, what are those fishing com panies;

(c) whether some Indian companies have also applied to the Government to operate in the deep sea Saters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the permission granted to them to operate in the deep sea water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) There are no foreign deep sea fishing companies operating in Indian waters. However, nine Indian companies have been permitted to operate 37 foreign deep sea fishing vessels on lease, of which 19 were in

operation as on 18.7.98. The details of such companies are as under:—

s. No.	Company	Valid Approvals (No. of Vessels)	Vesels in operation
1.	M/s Port Blair Manish-A Trading Co. Pvt., Ltd., New Delhi.	10	3
2.	M/s Srikumaran Fisheries, Chennai.	4	Nil
3.	M/s Sovin Sea Foods Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.	2	2
4.	M/s Andaman Marine Products Dev. Co., Port Blair M/s Balaji Sea Foods, Visakhapatnam.	3	3
5.	M/s Andaman Fishries Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.	2 3	Nil 3
7.	M/s Simla Marine, New Delhi.	1	Nil
8.	M/s A.K. International, New Delhi.	5	1
9.	M/s Moon Marine India, Chennai.	7	7
		37	19

(c) and (d) The particulars of the Indian companies who have applied for import of foreign vessels to operate in deep sea waters are as floows:

1. M/s Target Marine and Engineers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
2. M/s A.K. International, New Delhi.
3. M/s Alps Marine & Finstock Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
4. M/s AKI Marine & Investment Pvt., Ltd., New Delhi.

Since the proposals of the above referred companies are based on deferred payment basis, they have not been agreed to by this Ministry.

Average Rate of Growth of Grain Production

1732. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the five years average annual rate of growth of grain production is down below the annual population growth rate;

(b) if so, the reasons for achieving less than half of its irrigation target; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken to increase foodgrains production in the country in real terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The average annu-